

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action, claims 4, 24, 112 and 113 were amended and claims 1-3, 5-20, 22-23, 25-40, 54-55 and 60-63 were cancelled without prejudice. Dependent claim 4 was amended to depend only from independent claim 21. Dependent claim 24 was amended to depend only from independent claim 41. Claims 112 and 113 were amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejection.

Support for this amendment is clearly found in the application as originally filed. No new matter is presented.

Examination and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. After amending and canceling claims as set forth above, claims 4/21, 21, 24/41, 41-53, 56-59, 64-113 remain pending in the application and are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 2, 2004 for one (1) month from December 2, 2004 to January 2, 2004. Please charge the fee provided in:


X 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) Extension for response within first month

to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

If the Examiner comes to believe that a telephone conversation may be useful in addressing any remaining open issues in this case, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned agent at 763-391-9867.

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